

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLN. NO.:	10/765,349	CONFIRMATION NO.:	1071
APPLICANT:	Metz et al.	TC/ART UNIT:	2623
FILED:	January 27, 2004	EXAMINER:	Chin, Ricky
TITLE:	BAND LIMITED PORT AGGREGATION IN A DIGITAL RETURN PATH CATV SYSTEM		

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

*This reply is being filed electronically*

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 03, 2008 concerning the above-identified application and is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period for a response. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.